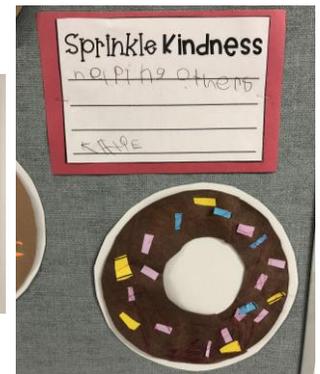
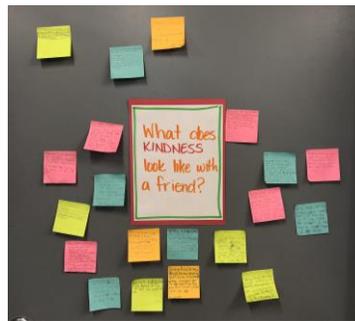


Principal:	Heather Kimmie	NEWSLETTER #7	Secretary:	Rae Shuster
Head Teacher:	Hanna Foy	February 28, 2019	Trustee:	jen.mezei@burnabyschools.ca Jen Mezei

SCHOOL MOTTO: Kindness to Ourselves, Kindness to Others and Kindness to This Place

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

February is a month filled with activities surrounding friendship and care toward each other. It has been wonderful to hear and observe many of our students playing inclusively, working collaboratively, and using kind words and gestures with one another. Work around 'kindness to others' is noticeable on so many levels throughout the school. I had the absolute pleasure of reading a story and brainstorming various ways children show kindness to others in every class the past few weeks. The school's SEL committee collated the brainstormed ideas and have put together a visual display of the main themes (including others, using encouraging words, listening and paying attention, helping, sharing, using our manners, respecting differences, and welcoming people) adorned with photographs of Montecito students showing various acts of kindness. Please take a look at the bulletin board outside the office when visiting the school. Many classes have also completed other kindness activities in their classrooms such as Div. 4's creation of iMovies shared at the last COLA, Div. 11's bucket filling and sprinkle kindness work, and Division 6's compilation of 'What does kindness look like with a friend?'



Ms. Foy, Mrs. Mann and Ms. Ingham are also doing thoughtful and kindhearted work with our 'Have a Heart' club. Intermediate students in this group had a special opportunity to join six other Burnaby schools to spread kindness at Metrotown on Feb. 27th. We also celebrated pink shirt day as a school on Wednesday, Feb. 27th to stand up against bullying behavior and show kindness and respect for everyone.

In showing kindness through compliments, I would like to thank Mr. Singer and Mr. Houghland for their dedication to coaching the school basketball teams this past term. The kids enjoyed playing and developed their teamwork and basketball skills throughout the season. At Montecito, we are very fortunate to have so many staff members dedicate before and after school time, as well as recess time and lunch hours, to connect with children, encourage kids, and help them learn skills in a variety of areas such as through knitting club, choir, intramurals, and reading in the library. We are also incredibly lucky to have such dedicated and giving parents who help in classrooms, organize and run fun school events such as the recent Family Games Night, volunteer for clubs and fieldtrips, and run the weekly hot lunch program, treat days and the fruit and veggie program to name just a few ways. We also have an incredibly dedicated and caring PAC executive who work tirelessly to support the students and staff at Montecito. We truly have a very special community at Montecito!

I would also like to welcome a couple of new staff members to Montecito this month. Ms. Mackenzie brings a wealth of knowledge as our new Office Support Clerk on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. We are very fortunate to have a skilled EA, Ms. Tajiri, join us in Division 11 on Thursdays and Fridays. Ms. Mufti also joins us as a trained One to One Literacy Program volunteer who graciously helps students with reading on Thursday afternoons.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Heather Kimmie – Principal



LIBRARY NEWS

Students continue towards their goal of reading for 200 nights in our Home Reading Program!

The following students have completed 100 nights of reading:

Division 1	Division 4	Division 6	Division 7	Division 8	Division 9
Tyichi S.	Koichi S.	Elizabeth M.	Frankie W.	Yuma C.	Kaitlyn T.
					Korina T.

The following students have completed 150 nights of reading:

Division 3	Division 5	Division 7	Division 10	Division 11
Layla J.	Max W.	Brenna L.	Mason H.	Harlow D.
Lucas L.			Elena J.	

Congratulations to all our readers! It is not too late to start the home reading program. Sheets for recording home reading can be found in our school library.

MEDICAL DANGER – NUT ALLERGIES

Several of our students have a life-threatening allergy to all nuts. The only way to ensure a safe environment for these children is to try to make our school **NUT-AWARE**. To do this we need everyone’s co-operation.

Please check the ingredients of all foods your children bring to school. In a classroom setting, cross-contamination is the greatest risk for this type of allergy. Cross-contamination is when a few crumbs from one child’s snack are dropped and then picked-up by an allergic child. Throughout the school you will see NUT AWARE signs. **WE KINDLY REQUEST THAT YOU DO NOT SEND SNACKS CONTAINING NUTS.**

It is difficult at the best of times to get children to eat healthy snacks, however, we hope you will appreciate the seriousness of this condition and that you will assist us at the school in our efforts to create as safe an environment as possible. With your cooperation we can minimize the risk of an allergic reaction.



DROP OFF & PICK-UP OF STUDENTS

Just a friendly reminder to parents that our staff parking lot should **NOT** be used for **DROP OFF** or **PICK UP** of students at any time. Please respect the **NO PARKING** signs placed at the entrance to the staff parking area.

PREPARING FOR SEPTEMBER



If you know that you will be leaving the school at the end of this school year, please contact the office by emailing our school secretary Mrs. Shuster at rae.shuster@burnabyschools.ca or calling 604-296-9023.

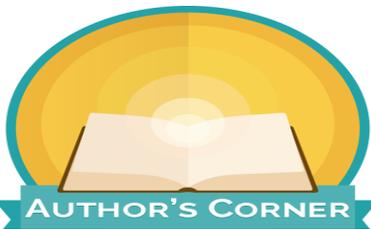
COLD & FLU SEASON:

For the protection of your child, as well as other children, keep your child home if he/she:

- has a fever
- is too sick to take part in all normal school activities
- has a suspected or known communicable disease (ie. Strep throat, pink eye, chicken pox, or any other undiagnosed rash).

Keep them home until they are no longer infectious. Please let the school know your child’s symptoms and call the school absence line to report your child’s absence.





AUTHOR'S CORNER

ECOSYSTEMS BY DIVISION 8

Students in Division 8 have been learning about interconnectedness of living things within different ecosystems in science. Students made a shoebox diorama and prepared a speech about their ecosystem. Here are some examples.



My ecosystem is the desert. Here are 3 cool facts about desert.

1. First, deserts can be rocky, sandy and even covered with ice caps.
2. Second, did you know, deserts can be hot and cold and only one third of the earth's surface is covered in desert?
3. Lastly, did you know the first dinosaur eggs were found in Gobi Desert?

By Adrian.



My ecosystem is the grassland. How is my ecosystem special?

First, almost half of Africa is covered with grassland.

Also, because of the extended periods of wet and dry climate in the Savanna biome, the availability of food changes throughout the year.

Also, some animals go so long without water during the dry season that they barely make it alive to the wet season.

Finally, you can see why the grassland is so special! My shoebox shows four animals. They are lion, elephant, giraffe and a zebra.

By Chelsea.



My ecosystem is the ocean. How is my ecosystem so special?

First, stingrays are a group of sea rays, which are related to sharks.

Also, the deepest part of the ocean is called the Challenger Deep.

Also, great white sharks can jump over ten feet in the air to catch prey. Because sharks have no rib cages on land their weight can literally crush their own body!

The ocean is so peaceful but sometimes it's deadly.

Finally, you can see why the ocean is so special!

My shoebox shows. A sea monster, a stingray, 2 sharks, a lobster, a crab, a stingray, a whale, an octopus, a person, a starfish, a sea turtle.

By Damiano.



My ecosystem is the Forest. How is my ecosystem so special?

First, a forest is a large area dominated by trees.

Also, forests cover 30% of earth's land surface.

Also, there are four types of forests. They are tropical, temperate, boreal and plantation forests.

My shoebox shows a boreal forest with squirrels, a wolf and an owl.

By Kiev.



My ecosystem is the desert. How is my ecosystem special?

First, a camel can shut its nostrils during a desert sandstorm.

Also camels have two rows of thick eye lashes that protect their eyes from the harsh desert dust. Also the Mongolian Deathworm can grow to be 5-feet long and it kills its prey with electric shocks from its eyes. Finally you can see why the desert is so special. My shoebox show 1. A person 2. A cactus 3. Dead grass 4. A sphinx.

By Sebastian.

LITERACY TIPS FOR PARENTS

Montecito's School Consultation Committee (consisting of Principal, Head Teacher and four PAC parents) meets throughout the year to discuss our school goals. At a recent meeting, it was suggested that it would be helpful to provide tips to parents on how to support their children in developing literacy skills. Tips this month come from oxfordlearning.com.

READ UP

Regular reading is a stepping stone to better writing and helps kids strengthen their writing skills. It helps expand children's vocabulary and shows them different ways of using words. This also makes it easier for them to use these words in their own writing.

With younger children, make sure you're reading together every day and encouraging their love of reading as they grow. Start reading early—many children who devour books grow up to become strong writers themselves.

MAKE IT FUN!

Play games and activities that encourage writing. Crossword puzzles and word games are great for everyone. Little ones will especially like the "write the word" game: where they search for items and write down the word when they find each item.

TRY DIFFERENT MATERIALS

Switch it up by writing with something other than a pen or pencil. Sidewalk chalk on the sidewalk, finger painting, or a salt writing tray are all fun writing activities that will also help build kids' writing skills.

MODEL IT

There's no better way to learn something than to see someone else doing it. Let your children see you writing, often. When writing is a normal part of your daily life, it will come more naturally to them. Anything goes: a simple grocery list or letter, holiday or thank you cards, or even a sweet note to your child.

More than anything... have fun with reading and writing activities and help to develop a love of literacy by providing choice, time and lots of encouragement.



THIS
MAKES
US
PROUD!

BE LIKE TERRY

THE TERRY FOX
SCHOOL RUN

The 2018 Terry Fox School run results are in! BC and Yukon schools showed great strength in numbers and leadership in the fight against cancer by raising over \$1.5 million!! We are so grateful to you for continuing the tradition of holding a Terry Fox Run at your school. Please share our heartfelt thanks with your school community for their incredible generosity and support of Terry's dream to find an end to cancer.

The 2018 Terry Fox School Run was a great success!
We are proud to announce that **Montecito Elementary** has
generously donated **\$616.40** for cancer research.

39 years ago, determined to make a difference in the lives of those living with cancer, Terry ignited a fundraising movement that cannot be stopped. Today, because of schools like yours, his message of hope echoes loudly in the voices of students and families everywhere.

The Terry Fox Foundation extends to you a heartfelt thank you for your wonderful generosity to continue Terry's legacy. Be proud and know that together, we are making a difference.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The Montecito Girls' Basketball team had a wonderful season. All participants worked hard and we showed a lot of growth as a team. Good job!

TEAM MEMBERS 2018-19:

Cassandra M.
Dariella L.
Mimi D.
Lily H.

Emily D.
Chloe M.
Alicia D.

Alessia V.
Jacqueline M.
Emerson P.



Thank you for making this year such a success!
Mr. Houghland - Coach

BOYS' BASKETBALL

The Montecito Boys' Basketball team members were committed to coming to 3 practices a week. They were focused and disciplined, putting in a great effort to develop and improve their individual skills and team play. Each practice was about learning, having fun, team play and striving to do our best. The team improved as the season went on.

Here are the members of the 2018-19 Boys' Basketball team:

Aaron M.
Divyesh C.
Niel N.
Rian L.

Connor H.
Matteo R.
Kimi W.
Tyichi S.

Kai M.
Austin C.
Aiden H.
Cole R.

Aidan M.
Gurshawn S.
Hugh N.
Aaron O.

Congratulations to the members of the Boys' Recreational team for their commendable effort and notable sportsmanship during Basketball season.



Thank you to all the parent drivers for their support!
Mr. Singer - Coach

TRACK

As the season of spring is approaching, so is the opportunity for all intermediate students in grades 4 to 7 to participate in Track during the month of April. Practices will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays 3:00-3:45 pm. In addition, Track Meets take place on either Tuesdays or Thursdays (depending on the grade level). More information will be sent home on March 8th, and permission forms are due before Spring Break. We encourage all intermediate students to join Track this year!

Mrs. Kumar, Mrs. Chin & Mr. Houghland - Coaches



THIS MAKES US PROUD

Congratulations to Raina T. and Miya M. for winning spots to represent Montecito at the Burnaby School District's Grade 7 Public Speaking Challenge Zone Finals. All students in Divisions 1 and 2 presented speeches in class on the topic, 'I may be young but...'. A few Grade 7 nominees from each class volunteered to present to judges and a larger audience on Feb. 15th. All the nominees did a great job and we were very proud of their bravery and confidence in speaking to the school audience. Based on the criteria in the areas of content, style/form, and delivery, Raina and Miya came out on top. Good luck at the Zone Finals!

Axé Capoeira, the Brazilian dance group who worked with all classes at the end of January, shared incredibly positive feedback about our staff and students. They thoroughly enjoyed working at Montecito and used kind words to share how respectful students were. They were very impressed by how students and staff worked hard to ensure all students were included and that conditions were created to allow children to take risks in a safe and supportive environment. Way to go Montecito staff and students!



PAC NEWS

Odyssey Games Night

Thank you to all parents and students who helped at Odyssey Games Night. We raised about \$1280.00 to help our Odyssey team(s) who qualify for World Finals. Thanks to the 89 registrants who came out to play and support our family games night.

Multicultural Planning – Call for Activity Stations

We are looking for station activity ideas for our Multicultural Day on Thursday, May 30th. If you have a fun activity, craft or game idea that is representative of your cultural heritage and you would like to share it with our students and staff, please contact pacmontecito@gmail.com.

Earthquake Committee

Thank you to Buy-Low Foods at Parkcrest Plaza for their very generous donation of \$550.00 to help the school replenish the food that has expired in the earthquake bin. Please give a big thank you to Don S. and his staff when you go shopping. We'd like to thank the Westin Bayshore as well for donating bottled water so we can replace the bottled water that has also expired.

Next PAC meeting – Thursday, April 18th. The meeting will open for parent education session at 6:30 p.m., mark your calendars.

Next PAC Coffee Chat – Friday, April 5th from 9:00 – 10:00 in the library.

March 2019

Please visit
<http://montecito.burnabyschools.ca/>
 (Scroll down to upcoming Events) for the most
 up-to-date information.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 School Plan sharing (PAC, district staff, admin. and teachers).	2
3	4 Ski Program #3 – Students should arrive @ 8:00 am	5 9:00 – Div. 7 & 8 Burnaby Art Gallery Workshop	6 Div. 1, 2 & 5 – French Sugar Taffy Workshop 12:05 – PAC Hot Lunch	7 Div. 3 & 4 – French Sugar Taffy Workshop Mobile Dairy Classroom here for all classes	8 a.m. – Gr. 7's visit Burnaby North PAC Popcorn Day Div. 4 & 5 – Microbits Workshop	9
10	11 Ski Program #4 – Students should arrive @ 8:00 a.m.	12	13 12:05 – PAC Hot Lunch 1:00 – Intermediate Choir @ Fellburn Care Centre Digital Citizenship sessions: Div. 1-7	14 Div. 1-5 Golf Program (all day) Primary Days of Music (Gr. 2-3 students at Forest Grove) – p.m. 7:00 – PAC Meeting	15 Crazy Hair Day  Crazy Hair Spirit Day Last day before Spring Break	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	 SPRING BREAK - March 18 - 22 SCHOOL CLOSURE - March 25 - 29					30
31	SCHOOL RE-OPENS Monday, April 1st		Report Cards Home Wednesday, April 3rd.			